

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 8226

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, PBOR, PDIP, ECON, OVIP, LA, TH  
SUBJ: LAO FONMIN TO VISIT BANGKOK

REF: BANGKOK 7359

1. MFA INFORMED US THAT RTG WILL ANNOUNCE LATE MARCH 16 A VISIT TO BANGKOK MARCH 22-25 BY LAO FONMIN PHOUN SIPASEUT, AS A GUEST OF FONMIN UPPADIT. FONMINS ARE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS BORDER PROBLEMS, COMMERCE, TRANSIT OF LAOTIAN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. COMMENT: DEPUTY PM AND FONMIN PHOUN WILL BE HIGHEST RANKING LAO VISITOR SINCE THE PATHET LAO TAKEOVER. VISIT FOLLOWS MEETING BETWEEN UPPADIT AND LAO SECRETARY OF STATE NOUPHAN SIDPHASAY  
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LAST WEEK DURING THE ESCAP CONFERENCE IN BANGKOK AND THE HARSH AND AT LEAST PARTIALLY UNFOUNDED CRITICISM OF THAILAND, ALSO LAST WEEK, BY LAO PM PAYSONE AND NOUPHAN (BANGKOK 7109).

3. BECAUSE OF THE LENGTH OF THE AGENDA OF OUTSTANDING BILATERAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN VIENTIANE AND THAILAND, VISIT BY PHOUN IS BOTH TIMELY AND ENCOURAGING. AS BANGKOK POST DEITORIAL MARCH

16 POINTED OUT, USE OF TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC FACILITIES THROUGH AND WITH THAILAND COULD HELP LAOS "MAINTAIN SOME ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE." INDICATIONS OF DISAFFECTION IN LAOS OVER THE DOMINEERING INFLUENCE OF THE VIETNAMESE IN HAOS MAY HAVE LED VIENTIANE TO TREAT MORE SERIOUSLY THE THAI ALTERNATIVE TO TRYING TO RESOLVE PRESSING TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

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